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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 18, 2007, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and a consideration of the response on the merits. This Amendment and Response is believed to be timely because it is being filed with a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, making this response due on Monday, November 19, 2007.

Amendments to the Drawings:

Begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims:

Reflected in the listing of claims beginning on
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments:

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